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Tēnā koe Chantelle,

Thank you for your email of 14 July 2023 to the Minister of Corrections, Hon Kelvin Davis, regarding remanded prisoners. As the Minister cannot intervene in operational matters, your letter has been referred to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa for response.

“...Could you please tell me the number of prisoners aged 25 and under who have been remanded in custody at Auckland Prison (Paremoremo) and have been held in maximum security whilst awaiting their trial or sentencing. Could you please supply me with the numbers who have been remanded there over the past 12 months, and how many are currently there on remand awaiting trial or sentencing and being held in maximum security...”

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

For ease of response, some of your questions have been re-ordered.

1. How many prisoners currently remanded at Auckland Prison are being held in maximum security?

Please note that although a person may be held in a unit that is classed as a maximum-security unit, this does not mean that the person is not managed as maximum security. A person in prison is only assigned a security classification to a person who is subject to a term of imprisonment exceeding three months. People who are held on remand are not assigned a security classification.

The table below presents the number of unique people onsite in a maximum-security unit at Auckland Prison as of 31 July 2023.

Month end	Total remand in Maximum Security unit	25 or under in Maximum Security unit	25 or under classified as Maximum security
31/07/2023	97	26	24

2. What is the number of prisoners aged 25 and under who have been remanded in custody at Auckland Prison, and have been held in maximum security whilst awaiting their trial or sentencing?

The table below presents the number of unique people who are aged 25 or under and started a remand period in a Maximum-security unit in Auckland prison while waiting for their trial/sentencing in each month between 31 July 2022 and 31 July 2023. Please note that prisoners in remand do not have a security classification.

Month end	Number of unique people
31/07/2022	6
31/08/2022	8
30/09/2022	10
31/10/2022	2
30/11/2022	9
31/12/2022	3
31/01/2023	5
28/02/2023	12
31/03/2023	11
30/04/2023	11
31/05/2023	11
30/06/2023	7
31/07/2023	17

3. What is the number of total prisoners who have been remanded at Auckland prison over the past 12 months?

The table below presents the number of unique people who started a remand period in a Remand unit at Auckland prison between 1 July 2023 and 31 July 2023.

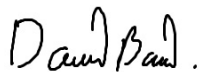
Month end	Total remand starts	aged 25 or under remand starts
31/07/2022	82	14
31/08/2022	94	19
30/09/2022	81	13
31/10/2022	40	5
30/11/2022	78	17
31/12/2022	59	10
31/01/2023	56	8
28/02/2023	88	22
31/03/2023	80	23
30/04/2023	87	16
31/05/2023	91	14
30/06/2023	98	15
31/07/2023	117	20

Please note the data in the two tables in questions 2 and 3 represents the number of people who started a remand sentence at Auckland Prison in each month. Those who started a remand period in a previous month are excluded.

Please note that this response may be published on Corrections' website. Typically, responses are published quarterly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Baird". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

David Baird
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